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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, H.A.)

SUBJECT: PRESS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECRETARY'S VISIT

REFERENCE: LONDON 2983

1. EXPECT COVERAGE SECRETARY'S LONDON ARRIVAL WILL BE LIMITED TO PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS AND TELEVISION CAMERAS. SINCE FOCUS OF VISIT WILL BE CARDIFF, LOCAL MEDIA WILL BE TOLD TO EXPECT NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT. BUS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TAKE ON-BOARD PRESS DIRECTLY TO CLARIDGES.
  2. ANTICIPATE TRAVELLING PRESS WILL ACCOMPANY SECRETARY TO CARDIFF. SINCE FILING FACILITIES THERE EXTREMELY LIMITED, USIS OFFICER WILL MEET PRESS PARTY WITH BUS AT AIRPORT FOR TRANSPORT TO LOCAL HOTEL WHERE INDIVIDUAL ROOMS HAVE BEEN RESERVED (AT NEWS AGENCIES' COSTS) WITH DIRECT US DIAL TELEPHONES. IN ADDITION, PRESS ROOM WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH TWO COMMERCIAL TELEX MACHINES.
  3. BUS WILL TRANSPORT PRESS TO CITY HALL FOR FREEDOM OF CITY CEREMONY. SINCE SECRETARY WILL BE GUEST AND TAKE NO PART IN EVENT, ANTICIPATE MINIMAL IMMEDIATE FILING NEEDS, BUT BUS WILL CARRY PRESS BACK TO HOTEL DIRECTLY FOLLOWING CEREMONY. APPROXIMATELY TWO HOURS FOR LUNCH AND FREE TIME. UNDERSTAND LORD MAYOR PROPOSES AFTERNOON TOUR CARD/IFF CASTLE (CONVENIENTLY LOCATED ACROSS STREET
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FROM TRAVELLING PRESS HOTEL). IF SECRETARY ACCEPTS,

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR JOURNALISTS TO ACCOMPANY SECRETARY DURING VISIT.

4. ON-BOARD PRESS WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND CITY HALL BANQUET. BLACK TIE UNNECESSARY SINCE THEY WILL BE IN ROOM ADJACENT TO MAIN DINING HALL. AT END OF DINNER THEY WILL BE INVITED TO MAIN ROOM TO VIEW TOASTS/ SPEECHES, WHICH WILL BE TELEVISED. BUS WILL TRANSPORT PRESS FROM CITY HALL TO CARDIFF AIRPORT. BECAUSE OF LATE ARRIVAL HEATHROW AND RESTRICTED SITUATION THERE, ANTICIPATE NO TIME FOR FILING OF CARDIFF STORIES.

5. SINCE NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT HEATHROW PLANNED ON RETURN FROM CARDIFF, PRESS BUS WILL LEAVE HEATHROW SOONEST FOR CLARIDGES WHERE PRESS ROOM AND TELEX FILING FACILITIES AVAILABLE.

6. AS IN PARA 1, RECOMMEND NO DEPARTURE STATEMENT MARCH 7.

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